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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PRC

1. MY SWEDISH COLLEAGUE FILLED ME IN APRIL 27 ON HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S RECENT VISIT TO PEKING. HIS DEBRIEFING WAS BASED ON REPORTS HE HAD JUST RECEIVED. I ASSUME THAT WE HAVE ALREADY HAD ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION EITHER IN PEKING OR STOCKHOLM, BUT REPORT IT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TIDBITS.

2. ACCORDING TO MY SWEDISH COLLEAGUE'S INFORMATION, HIS FOREIGN MINISTER SAW VICE PARTY CHAIRMAN AND VICE PRIME MINISTER LI FOR ONE HOUR AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. BOTH MEETINGS TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 5.

3. LI SPOKE ABOUT PRC-SOVIET RELATIONS AND ABOUT INTERNAL PRC DEVELOPMENTS. HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF SOVIET POLICY. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WISHED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A FAMILY PATRIARCH WITH THE PRC AS THE SON, WHEREAS THE PRC COULD ONLY ACCEPT "A OLDER BROTHER-YOUNGER BROTHER" RELATIONSHIP. THE SWEDES NOTED THAT THIS LATTER WAS THE SAME METAPHOR THAT CHOU-EN LAI  
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USED IN DESCRIBING THE PRC-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP TO THE PREVIOUS SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING A VISIT IN 1974.

3. LI CHARACTERIZED THE USSR AS THE MOST DANGEROUS SUPER POWER. HE FORESAW NO AMELIORATION IN SOVIET-PRC RELATIONSHIP BUT SAID PRC WOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO MAINTAIN CORRECT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. THE PRC

WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN ITS TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

4. LI CITED AS EXAMPLES OF SOVIETS' EFFORTS TO PENETRATE THE PRC THE CASES OF TWO PREVIOUS PRC DEFENSE MINISTERS, PENG-TE HUAI AND LIN PIAO, WHO HAD BEEN "WON OVER" TO THE SOVIETS.

5. LI CHARACTERIZED PRC-U.S. RELATIONS AS NORMAL AND AS "ALL RIGHT", DESPITE THE LACK OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER, HE CHARACTERIZED THE U.S. AS A "SUPER POWER IN DECLINE".

6. LI ALSO STRESSED THE PRC'S NEED FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND FOR WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. THE SWEDES INDICATED THAT THEY WERE VERY INTERESTED IN BEING HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. LI INDICATED THAT THE PRC'S POPULATION INCREASE WAS NOW ESTIMATED TO BE AT 1.2 PERCENT, BUT HE PERSONALLY EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THIS FIGURE WAS VERY RELIABLE.

7. FINALLY, LI TOLD THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER THAT IN HIS VIEW FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA SHOULD VISIT SWEDEN. THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER LATER ISSUED SUCH AN INVITATION AND THE SWEISH GOVERNMENT NOW ASSUMES THAT HUANG HUA'S VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN A YEAR.

8. DURING HUANG HUA'S LENGTHY MEETING WITH HIS SWEDISH  
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COUNTERPART, HE SPOKE FROM A WRITTEN BRIEF. HUANG HUA EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE REINFORCED IN THE COMMON INTEREST TO STOP SOVIET EXPANSION. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DOUBTS REGARDING U.S. WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND IF WAR BREAKS OUT IN EUROPE, AND COUNSELED THE EUROPEAN NATIONS TO RELY ON THEIR OWN DEFENSE FORCES. HUANG HUA WAS CRITICAL OF THE U.S. "POLICY OF APPEASEMENT", AS EVIDENCED BY THE SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE, PRM-10, AND THE U.S. CONCEPT THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE FRG'S TERRITORY WOULD BE ABANDONED IN CASE OF WAR.

9. REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, HUANG HUA CLAIMED SOME CREDIT FOR THE PRC IN GETTING EGYPT AND THE US. TO COOPERATE. HE SAID THAT THE PRC HAD ADVISED BOTH PARTIES TO COOPERATE. HE CHARACTERIZED SADAT'S VISIT TO JERUSALEM, WHICH THE SWEDES NOTED HAD NOT BEEN COMMENTED ON PUBLICLY IN THE PRC, AS A "RESOLUTE ACTION".

10. HUANG HUA EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ASEAN AND ITS ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. REGARDING THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT, HUANG HUA STRESSED THAT THE PRC HAD GIVEN

VIETNAM MASSIVE ASSISTANCE OVER MANY YEARS AMOUNTING TO TEN BILLION DOLLARS AND MOST OF WHICH WAS GRANT AID. HE SAID THAT ONE REASON FOR THE CURRENT CONFLICT WAS THE PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY IN THE PARROT'S BEAK AREA DURING THE WAR. HE NOTED THAT THE TRANSFORMATION OF THIS "FRONTIER CONFLICT" INTO A "REGULAR WAR" HAD COME AS A "NEGATIVE SURPRISE" TO THE PRC. HUANG HUA NOTED THAT HAVING DEFEATED THE U.S. AND ACQUIRED LARGE QUANTITIES OF U.S. ARMS, THE VIETNAMESE HAD "SWOLLEN HEADS", AND THAT THEY HAVE LONG HARBORED PLANS FOR AN INDOCHINESE FEDERATION. HUANG HUA SAID THAT THE PRC WOULD NOT INTERVENE, SINCE THAT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE THE CONFLICT AND CAUSE OTHERS (E.G. THE SOVIETS) TO INTERNATIONALIZE AND COMPLICATE THE SITUATION. VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA MUST SOLVE  
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THE PROBLEM ON THEIR OWN.

11. ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH REPORT, HUANG HUA SAID NOTHING NEW ABOUT PRC-U.S. RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE U.S. WAS POLITICAL, NOT DIPLOMATIC AND THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER ITS RELATIONS IN STRATEGIC AND LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVES.

12. ON DISARMAMENT, HUANG HUA SAID THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT SHOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT THE SUPER POWERS DISARM AND THAT THEY DECLARE NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, EITHER AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES OR AGAINST NUCLEAR FREE ZONES. HE ADDED THAT SALT AND MBFR ARE ONLY NONSENSE, AND THAT PRC CONTINUES TO OPPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN.  
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